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Special points of interest:

Lieutenant Jeff Easter was honored with the "40 Under 40 Award" this month. The annual award, presented by the Wichita Business Journal, recognizes up-and-coming leaders of the community who are under 40 years old.

Wichita Police Department

June 2006 Monthly Report

Milk-Bone Gives Patrol East New K9

By Lt. Clark Wiemeyer

At a ceremony in the parking lot of the Dillon's at 3707 North Woodlawn in Wichita on Sunday June 18, 2006, Police Captain Allred received a \$5,000 donation from Milk Bone and Dillon's. As part of the Milk-Bone Canine Heroes Program, the Milk-Bone nationwide police dog donation program helps law enforcement agencies add to or maintain canine units at no cost to tax-paying citizens. Over 500 police and service dogs have been sponsored by Milk-Bone to communities across the country since 1997. This donation is part of an ongoing effort to support local law enforcement and security preparedness nationwide. The ceremony conducted on June 18, 2006, commemorates the partnership between Milk-Bone and Dillon's to sponsor the new K-9 officer. This event marked the fifth, K-9 donated to the Dillon's communities. Since first partnering together in 1997, these two companies have donated a total of 102 K-9's to Kroger/Dillon's communities' nation-wide.

Captain Brent Allred (right) and Officer Jesse Hancock give their applause at the dedication ceremony held at Dillon's.



To further involve the community the ceremony hosted a variety of festivities, which were held from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm to help families learn about child safety in a fun atmosphere. Among other educational activities, there was card and cookie decorating for Dad, a D.A.R.E. car, a police helicopter, the Bomb Squad, the S.W. A.T. Team, Identikits and car seat safety checks were held. New to the event this year was the Cartoon Network and Cox Communications Get Animated Tour, this motivates children to make healthy living choices. Mrs. Bairds joined the event this year with the "World's Largest Grill".

Officer Jesse Hancock was introduced as the new canine handler for the Patrol East Bureau. Current K-9 Officers (Detective Bryan Martin, Officer Chad Cooper and Officer Eduardo Padron) provided a K-9 demonstration which was well received by the crowd. City council member Sue Schlapp was present and gave her support to the K-9 program, as well as Deputy Chief Tom Stolz. Thirty officers

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Officer Jesse Hancock poses for a picture with the Wichita Police Department's newest drug dog, Fester. Hancock and Fester are one of only four K-9 Teams currently on the department with the primary goal of drug interdiction.

Did You Know.....

Officer Eric Piotrowski participated in the CAST for Kids Fishing Clinic held at El Dorado Park State Lake on June 17th. He provided the use of his own bass boat and each participating child received a fishing pole and tackle box. He was teamed up with a handicapped youth for the day

Officer Sandy Mackey assisted with organizing the parade for "Salute to Heroes" held at Lawrence Dumont Stadium. The event consisted of several different agencies.

On June 1st the Dillon's at 13th Street and Woodlawn was robbed of approximately \$75,000. Despite wearing a mask, one of the clerks recognized the suspect as being an employee of the business. Officers waited for several hours before the robber show up for work in the getaway vehicle. Although he was on time, he was unable to start his shift. Officers arrested him and a partial recovery of the money was made.

The Awards Committee awarded two Silver Wreaths of Valor, one Bronze Wreath of Valor, five Bronze Wreaths of Merit, two Life Saving Awards, sixteen Distinguished Service Awards, six Civic Achievement Awards, seven Safe Driver Awards, and eighteen Certificate of Commendations to members of the Police Department. 43 internal and 29 external Commendatory Performance Re-

ports were also generated this month.

The television show COPS was in Wichita filming for the upcoming season all throughout the month of June. They filmed with officers from Patrol North, Patrol South and the Air Section.



Sergeant Robert Bolin and Officer Francisco Tejada, Jr. attended the "Kids Zoobilee" held at the Sedgwick County Zoo on June 3rd. The officers coordinated a child ID program and processed 40 children.

Case Desk entered 2,397 citizen generated cases and 8,582 officer generated cases during the month of June. That is an average of 365.9 cases a day or 121.9 cases a shift.

Sergeant Alex Robinson retired this month after over twenty-one years of dedicated service. He is currently the Security Director for USD 259.

Officers were dispatched to a mentally unstable, suicidal person in the 1700 block of South Lexington. They contacted the subject who was bleeding and armed with a knife. Although the subject wanted the officers to shoot him, officers deployed a taser and took him into custody without further incident.

Officers Brian Nelson and Michael Lloyd participated in the Simon's, Towne East Square, Safe Summer Kids event. The officers gave a brief presentation on bicycle safety. There were approximately twelve different agencies and groups that participated including Radio Disney who was the major sponsor behind the event.

In June, Patrol West began increased traffic enforcement projects aimed at high accident locations. Media coverage was extensive and the response from them and the community at large was extremely favorable. During the seventeen assignments 386 citations were issued for speeding, running red lights and improper turns.

On June 8th, Officers Aaron Gillispie and Richard Bachman were dispatched to check the welfare of an individual at Kellogg and Topeka. The officers located an individual standing on the ledge threatening to jump. The officers negotiated with the subject and were finally able to talk him into stepping down.

Officer Rescues Man Who Tries to Hang Himself

On Saturday June 29th, Officer Brian Shelton was patrolling his beat in Southeast Wichita when he received a call of a suicidal individual in the area of 2500 S. Oliver. A neighbor called 911 after seeing her neighbor jump from his second story balcony and attempt to hang himself.

Wichita Fire Department Lt. William Millspaugh and Firefighter Joshua Bruggeman also responded and arrived just moments before Officer Shelton. While one of the firefighters held the patient up by his legs, Officer Shelton and the other firefighter ran upstairs to his apartment and began to pull him up onto the balcony. Once the patient was lifted to safety Shelton cut the belt off his neck and assisted WFD and EMS personnel. The patient was quickly transported to Wesley Hospital in critical condition and was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Officers soon learned that the patient had been involved in a domestic disturbance with his girlfriend and was being sought after he violated a Protection from Abuse Order. Officer Aaron Gillispie was talking with the patient just prior to the incident. Officer Gillispie stated that the patient was very up-

set and he was trying to calm him down. Before Gillispie could alert dispatch to send officers to the address, his neighbor observed him jump off the balcony.

Had it not been for the neighbor going out to her car to retrieve some items and the quick response of the Firefighter Bruggeman, Lt. Millspaugh, and Officer Shelton, the victim would have succeeded in taking his life.



Officer Brian Shelton is a six-year veteran of the Wichita Police Department and also served in the United States Marine Corp. He is currently assigned to the Plainview Neighborhood on 33 Beat at Patrol East. During his career with the Wichita Police Department he has been awarded the Bronze Wreath of Merit on two occasions.

Patrol Officers Wearing Lighter Uniform For Summer



Officer Danny Brown (left) is seen here in the traditional tan uniform whereas Officer Brian Mock is wearing the new "soft" uniform.

This summer you might notice patrol officers wearing a different uniform. Deputy Chief Tom Stolz authorized the Field Services Division, which primarily consists of patrol officers, to wear the new uniforms throughout the summer.

The Wichita Police Department approved the "soft" uniform last year but only allowed officers to wear them at community events, meetings and training. The shirts are a Forrest Green, polo-style shirt with the officers name and badge embroidered on the front and "WICHITA POLICE" on the back. The khaki pants have a more tactical design with several larger pockets added to the legs. Officers also have the option of wearing a light-weight, nylon web gear in lue of the heavier, shiny leather.

Drug Dog Gets Big Bust

Every patrol officer knows that there is no such thing as a "routine" traffic stop. Detective Bryan Martin and his canine partner, Rex, know that all too well. They are one of four drug-sniffing dog teams in the Wichita Police Department's K-9 Unit.



Detective Bryan Martin and Rex pose in front of twenty-five pounds of cocaine and fifty-three pounds of marijuana that were seized during a car stop on the Kansas Turnpike. The wholesale value of the drugs is approximately \$225,000.

While monitoring traffic on the Kansas Turnpike Detective Martin stopped a vehicle between the 47th Street South and the East Kellogg exit after it committed a lane change violation.

Detective Martin contacted the driver and passenger. While talking with them he noticed their responses to his questions were not consistent. Martin then asked if he could search the car however the driver refused. That is when Rex was brought in.

Rex alerted on the trunk area and Detective Martin located nearly twenty-five pounds of cocaine and fifty-three pounds of marijuana. According to Captain Ken Atnip, Special Investigations Bureau Commander, the combined street value of the drugs that were seized was worth approximately \$225,000 wholesale.

In addition, the driver of the vehicle was a well-known, documented, violent gang member from Minneapolis, MN. Both the driver and passenger were arrested and are awaiting federal indictment on drug charges.

Milk-Bone Gives Patrol East New K9 (Continued)

were assigned various duties during the day, which helped make the event successful.

Captain Allred said, "I was very pleased with the professionalism and hard work done by those officers that worked the event. I heard several comments from the vendors and Dillon's that stated they were impressed with how the officers didn't have to be asked to get something done, they just got it done."

Captain Allred handed out Certificates of Appreciation during the ceremony to several other contributors to the Patrol East K-9 program. Mrs. Bairds spent the week prior to the ceremony selling hotdogs at various Dillon's locations cooked on the world largest grill. They presented a check for an additional \$4,000 to Captain Allred during the ceremony. Officer Hancock and his new partner, Fester, are currently in training and should be ready for patrol duties during the middle of August.



(Right to Left) Community Police Officer Michael Lloyd and SCAT Officers Eduardo Padron and Jesse Hancock retrieve equipment from a patrol vehicle before setting up a demonstration of how the K9 officers work in the field. The department currently has four drug dogs.

Tips to Keep Your Home and Business Safe

Throughout the month of May and June there has been a rise in burglary rates in Wichita. The Wichita Police Department wants to remind residents about the importance of safety in their homes, cars and businesses.

You don't have to install an expensive, state-of-the-art alarm system to have security and piece of mind. Here are some quick, simple and inexpensive ways to keep from becoming a victim.

Do not leave doors and windows open at night or during the day when no one is there. An intruder can easily make entry to you home or business this way and since it only takes a few seconds to get in the chance of someone seeing them is rare. Also get to know your neighbors and know who lives in your area – if something is strange or suspicious call 911 to report it. Many times burglars and thieves walk through neighborhoods looking for an easy target.

Keep your garage doors shut. Many times criminals will walk into a garage and take items such as tools, bicycles and lawnmowers. Also keep the door between the garage and house locked even when the garage door is closed. If a burglar can make entry into your garage they can walk into your house without any effort.

Keep your house or business well lit. Leave the porch light on all night. Criminals are similar to cockroaches – they do not like the light because they could be seen easily. Also make sure bushes and shrubs are trimmed, especially around windows. Criminals can hide or duck in them while trying to force a window open or when someone drives by.

Have your street number clearly posted, preferably in a contrasting color, on the front of

your house or business. Precious minutes are lost because officers and emergency personnel are looking for the right house which results in longer response times. Remember, if you have a difficult time of seeing the house numbers from the street so will officers.

Do not leave valuables such as cameras, cell phones, purses, wallets and keys inside your vehicle even when they are inside your garage. Valuables laying in open view are tempting to criminals. Instead put them inside or lock them in the truck.

Do not open the door to people you do not know. They may be canvassing the area looking to find out who is home and what the neighborhood habits are.

Inspect your locks and exterior doors for wear and damage. Exterior doors should be made of solid wood or metal. Locks and deadbolts can be purchased at area hardware stores and can even be made to unlock with one key. All exterior doors should have at least one good quality lock or deadbolt. Sliding glass doors should be equipped with a "burglar bar" or a heavy duty pole that prohibits someone from opening the door even when it is unlocked.

Most importantly, use common sense. If you can think of a way that a thief or burglar could enter your home or business more than likely they have thought of it too. Take preventative measures to protect yourself from being a victim.

The Wichita Police Department offers a survey to its citizens to determine how safe your home or business is. To schedule a free survey contact the Community Affairs Section at (316) 268-4101.



The best way to keep your home and business safe is to use good quality locks and deadbolts as well as a little common sense.

Concealed Weapon Application Process begins July 1

Starting July 1, 2006 Sedgwick County residents may begin the application process for the new Kansas Concealed Weapons (CCH) Permit. This permit allows individuals to carry a loaded firearm on their person and in their vehicles. However, the permit does not allow citizens to carry weapons in public buildings such as the City, County and Federal Courthouse buildings, airports and airplanes.

There are some qualifications that must be met before a permit will be issued:

- ♦ The applicant must be a Citizen of the United States, a Sedgwick County resident, and twenty-one years or more of age;
- ♦ Can not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a weapon;
- ♦ Never been convicted or placed on diversion (even as a juvenile), in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a felony under the laws of this state;
- ♦ Have not been, during the last five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted:
 - (A) a mentally ill person or involuntary patient;
 - (B) committed for the abuse of a controlled substance;
 - (C) convicted or placed on diversion for an act under the provisions of the uniform controlled substances act (even as a juvenile);
 - (D) committed for the abuse of alcohol;
 - (E) convicted or placed on diversion two or more times for an act that constitutes a violation of Driving Under the Influence;
 - (F) convicted or placed on diversion (even as a juvenile) for an act that constitutes a domestic violence misdemeanor;
 - (G) convicted or placed on diversion (even as a juvenile), in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a violation Criminal Use of Weapons;
- ♦ Are not subject to a restraining order issued under the protection from abuse act, or under the protection from stalking act;
- ♦ Are not in contempt of court in a child support proceeding;
- ♦ Have not been dishonorably discharged from military service.

In order to apply for a CCH Permit a qualified Sedgwick County resident must obtain the following paperwork:

- ♦ A valid Kansas Driver's License or Non-Driver's Identification Card;
- ♦ Passport-type photo (approximately two-inches by two-inches) of an unobstructed, full frontal view of the applicant's head and shoulders, taken within 30-days of application;
- ♦ Certificate of Training in a form approved by the Attorney General or an affidavit from a certified instructor;
- ♦ Cashier's Check or Money Order for \$40.00 (nonrefundable) payable to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office;
- ♦ A separate Cashier's Check or Money Order for \$110.00 (nonrefundable) payable to the Attorney General's Office;
- ♦ Completed application form.

The application can be obtained from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Records Section, Wichita-Sedgwick County Training Academy, or download an application from the Attorney General Website www.ksag.org or the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Website at www.sedgwickcounty.org/sheriff.

After completing the necessary paperwork, identification and successful completion of a certified training course the applicant must take it to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility where they will be fingerprinted. Their paperwork will then be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for consideration of a permit. The Attorney General's Office will NOT issue any permits until January 2007. At that time, the qualified applicant will be instructed by that office to go to a local Department of Motor Vehicle Station to get either a new driver's license or ID card with a Carry Concealed Handgun (CCH) endorsement, or a separate CCH card.

To read the full text of the Senate Bill, please visit the Kansas Legislature website at: www.kslegislature.org/bills/2006/418.pdf

For all other questions regarding the CCH permits contact the Kansas Attorney General's Office at (785) 296-2215 or www.ksag.org or call the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at (316) 832-9337 or (316) 383-7352.

Application information courtesy of Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

Spring 2006 Recruit Graduation

The Wichita Police Department has set a high standard for individuals who want to be called a Wichita Police Officer. Each potential applicant must go through several rigorous steps just to be on the eligibility list. Those who are qualified enough to be accepted by the department must then complete a twenty-three week academy. The recruit officers are required to maintain a level of physical fitness, good academic standing and complete the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) and firearms qualification in order to pass. After graduation the new officers will then complete field training for eight-weeks to test their knowledge and skill on the streets.

The Wichita Police Department congratulates its newest members:

Officer Myke G. Brown #C2207
 Officer Lorenzo D. Burrell #C2208
 Officer Heather R. Conner #C2209
 Officer Jason A. Cooley #C2210
 Officer Seth W. Creighton #C2211
 Officer Jeremy L. Diaz #C2212

Officer Crystal L. Gideon #C2213
 Officer Jeffrey D. Hashbarger #C2214
 Officer Justin D. Hehnke #C2215
 Officer Dana J. Heyen #C2216
 Officer Catherine D. Jackson #C2217
 Officer Aaron M. Jennings #C2218
 Officer Christopher P. Marceau #C2219
 Officer David A. McDanel #C2220
 Officer Kevin M. McKenna #C2221
 Officer Dustin L. Nail #C2222
 Officer Greg P. Nicks #C2223
 Officer Dustin E. Noll #C2224
 Officer Thomas E. Rice #C2225
 Officer Ronald K. Sanders, Jr. #C2226
 Officer Jamie P. Schepis #C2227
 Officer Kari S. Shorb #C2228
 Officer Joletta V. Vallejo #C2229
 Officer Adam M. Vandermolen #C2230
 Officer Jeremy W. Vogel #C2231
 Officer Ashlee C. Wendel #C2232
 Airport Safety Officer Brandon Willis #A0122
 Airport Safety Officer Jake Smith #A0123
 Airport Safety Officer William Crebs #A0124

Officers Connect With Kids At Camp Awareness 2006

Camp Awareness is an annual event sponsored by the Wichita Police Department and the Boy Scouts of America. This year approximately 200 children were in attendance during the weeklong event that lasted from June 19 thru 22.

The children were split into eight teams with approximately twenty children and three adult counselors in each group. Teams participated in events such as Marksmanship with BB Guns, Archery, Canoeing, Fishing, Swimming and Crafts. The campers also had the opportunity to earn Boy Scout badges while participating in the events.

All of the counselors were members of the Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office or United States Air Force. None of the campers knew that their counselors were members of law enforcement until the last day of camp. On that day the Camp Awareness staff drove up in marked patrol cars with their lights and sirens and surrounded the campers. Officers put on demonstrations from the Mounted Unit, Air Section and the Military Work-

ing Dogs. All of the children were surprised to learn the staff were police officers and the camp helped to build relationships between them and children.



Officer Ron Hunt helps a group of children fold the American Flag during a flag ceremony at this year's Camp Awareness. Approximately 200 youths participated in the week long event.